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Open Letter from Short Course Coordinator:

Excited anticipation describes my feelings as the Iowa Science Teacher's Short Course has taken shape. Each year I've felt we hit a peak in imparting new knowledge and interests in so short a time, and our Short Course this March will certainly be no exception to that.



Mrs. Goettsch

During the planning session Dr. Ted Daub and Dr. Walt Hearn were casually visiting about the space-centered questions that science teachers now get from students. The interests and capabilities of these two Iowa State staffers prompted the committee to draft the good Drs. to the committee to present topics at the opening session Friday morning, March 5.

Our after-dinner speaker Friday evening will be Dr. Eugene Ferguson—a man who has been engineer, teacher, and historian. His unique message will deal with the relevance of engineering to the culture in which it develops.

The short course has been extended to include a luncheon on Saturday. Dr. Sam Legvold, of the Physics Department, will be our luncheon speaker, and show us some "Low Temperature Legerdemain."

If these major speakers whet your appetite, we know you will be even more enthusiastic about the special symposia Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. These groups, meeting for three hours each day, offer topics of vital interest to every teacher of science, from junior high through junior college. Specific topics are listed on page 61 of this Journal.

Though the Short Course has been jointly sponsored by the Iowa State University and the Iowa Science Teachers Association, in the past neither could underwrite the complete expense. When the Short Course had fewer participants the ISU faculty members supplied the equipment and materials "out of the pocket." A careful audit of last year's expenditures showed a deficit of some \$500 (over \$2 per participant) which ISU was forced to absorb. **The Short Course must pay its own way this year.**

Don't forget to get March 5th and 6th on your school calendar. Keep a sharp eye on the piggy-bank and be sure you make it to the "best-yet" Short Course.

Betty C. Goettsch
ISTA Short Course Coordinator

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